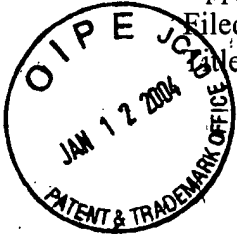


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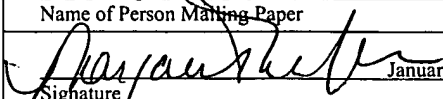
Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response/Amendment from the Office Action mailed of September 9, 2003.

The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from December 9, 2003 to January 9, 2004.

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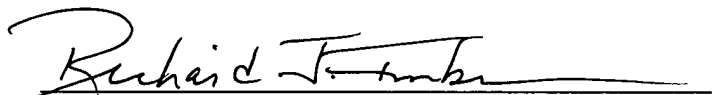
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Respectfully submitted,

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